(a) whether the wait-listed status of the Indian Airlines tickets are automatically upgraded in respect of tickets booked on a number of flights in the same sector and in same ticket when the passenger has already availed any of the preceding flight;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to streamline the handling of wait-listed tickets status particularly at the Calcutta Airport; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government proposed to consider automatic O.K. for wait-listed tickets vis-a-vis overall booking position/checking at the airport to make the wait-listed passengers not to wait until half-an-hour of departure causing delay and many avoidable problems?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). In case a passenger in holding a wait-listed ticket on several flights on the same sector and in same ticket one of the flights gets confirmed and he presents his ticket for endorsement/confirmation for travel on that particular flight, the passenger's request for wait-listing on the other flights on the same sector may be cancelled.

(c) The system of accepting wait-listed passengers at Calcutta is the same as at other airports with computerised check-in facility. There is continuous monitoring and review of all the systems and procedures with a view to making improvements and modifications wherever possible.

(d) Since passengers holding confirmed reservations are permitted to check in upto half an hour before the departure of the flights, the exact number of seats available for accommodating wait-listed passengers would be know only half an hour before the departure and wait-listed passengers may have to wait till that time before being accepted. Such passengers may, however, be accepted even prior to that at the discretion of the Indian Airlines executive on the spot in case, because of cancellations, the flight appears to have available capacity.

[*Translation*]

Social Organisations in Bhagalpur

1855. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Samajik Sansthaon Par Kabij Log' appearing in Jansatta, dated September 16, 1991 regarding miserable condition of Saraswati Library in Bhagalpur, the lying of an idol of Radhakrishna temple, Lahri Tola, in the basement of the Bhagalpur Kotwali and miserable condition and mismanagement of many other organisations;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to improve their condition; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Saraswati Library in Bhagalpur and Radhakrishna temple in Lahri Tola and the Bhagalpur Kotwali are not under the management and control of the Central Government nor are they recipient of any grant from the Ministry of Human Resource Development. As regards mismanagement of other organisations, no specific details are provided.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.